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DESIRED DISTRIBUTION
BUREAU OF MINES FOR RICHARD SINGLETON MARITIME ADMINISTRATION FOR
R. BRUCE CARLTON

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P R 172355Z MAY 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY
AMCONSUL LENINGRAD PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
AMCONSUL WINNIPEG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWT EWWT UR US

SUBJECT: REPORTED SOVIET SHIPMENT OF POTASH TO US

REF: LENINGRAD 548

1. DEPARTMENT PASSED CONTENTS REFTEL TO IMC. IMC STATED
IT HAD HEARD ADDITIONALLY THAT AN INDIANA FERTILIZER
COMPANY HAD CONTRACTED TO DISTRIBUTE 5,700 TONS OF SOVIET
POTASH WHEN IT ARRIVED. ACCORDING TO IMC, WHICH DOES NOT
WISH TO BE IDENTIFIED AS SOURCE OF INFORMATION, INDIANA
DISTRIBUTORS REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH OCCIDENTAL IF THEY
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WISH TO HANDLE SOVIET POTASH. 5,700 TONS REPORTEDLY DUE
IN AT NEW ORLEANS AROUND MAY 12 BUT MAY NOT HAVE ARRIVED
YET.

2. WE RECALL THAT ORIGINAL OCCIDENTIAL SOVIET FERTILIZER
AGREEMENT INCLUDES PROVISION FOR DELIVERY OF ONE MILLION
METRIC TONS OF POTASH ANNUALLY IN EXCHANGE FOR ONE MILLION

METRIC TONS OF SUPERPHOSPHORIC ACID.

3. IMC ALSO STATES THAT LAST YEAR SMALL TEST CARGO OF SOVIET POTASH HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO US BUT WAS OF TOO FINE A GRADE TO BE ATTRACTIVE TO US BUYERS. IT IS CLAIMED THAT SHIPMENT DUE TO ARRIVE SOON IS OF SUPERIOR, COARSER QUALITY.

4. REQUEST ADDRESSES REPORT ANY INFORMATION WHICH THEY OBTAIN ON THIS OR OTHER POSSIBLE SOVIET SHIPMENTS OF POTASH TO US. CHRISTOPHER

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